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PRODUCTION

Month	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonne		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Total Electric motors (g) July 1989 '000		Four weeks ended	Coal (e) '000 tonnes
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1987-88—															1987-88—	
May		37.0	11,772	11,471	47,062	43,866	484	474	537	529	28.5	25.6	262	26.8	April 30	12,605
June	25,671	38.7	12,104	11,243	50,610	44,101	536	532	586	584	28.3	26.0	269	25.5	May 28	14,863
															June 25	10,111
1988-89—																
July		42.4	12,634	11,067	54,766	44,349	555	521	556	537	26.0	23.4	252	246	1988-89—	
August		41.3	12,758	11,666	54,647	46,695	565	532	603	580	31.4	26.7	286	259	July 23	12,073
September	24,665	40.8	11,762	11,770	48,693	45,332	564	536	609	573	30.8	27.2	294	253	August 20	17,029
October		39.7	11,934	12,094	43,176	42,259	573	566	584	547	30.1	26.7	249	216	September 17	16,331
November		40.5	11,634	12,214	42,311	45,547	569	587	613	578	34.1	29.1	302	253	October 15	13,374
December	22,085	44.9	11,735	12,339	40,160	46,923	588	596	594	581	23.8	26.9	240	248	November 12	13,997
January		35.6	11,460	12,280	37,783	46,449	546	555	415	607	7.9	26.6	131	277	December 10	14,797
February		38.8	11,231	12,437	37,483	45,016	523	590	586	600	27.2	28.5	285	293	January 14	10,733
March	n.y.a.	40.7	12,225	12,403	41,992	44,385	560	555	621	608	26.6	26.0	246	253	February 11	14,903
April		42.2	11,655	12,376	42,737	46,974	558	612	529	537	27.3	29.0	230	260	March 11	15,748
May		46.6	12,419	11,992	49,872	46,763	487	472	595	585	30.2	26.7	289	283	April 8	12,962
June	n.y.a.	46.0	13,271	12,386	58,104	50,988	514	502	596	593	31.0	28.8	273	260	May 6	13,498
															June 3	n.y.a.
1989-90—																
July		n.y.a.	13,908	12,232	62,337	50,681	(f)		637	618	30.1	27.1	240	242	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for use through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Excludes lignite. (f) Production figures no longer available from July 1989. (g) Electric Motors under 720w no longer collected in this format from July 1989.

PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre cloth '000 sq m		Price index manufac- turing division (b) (Base year 1968-69 = 100.0)		Meat '000 tonnes		Whole milk intake by factories (c) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts received by tonnes brokers (d)	% of total receipts received by tonnes brokers (d)	Original	Seas. adj.
1987-88—																
May	3,305	2,932	833	822	14,793	13,678	507.0	187	182	307	513	38,695	86.8			
June	3,396	3,104	827	816	16,122	14,017	507.8	185	178	290	508	34,107	85.6	47,932		48,336
1988-89—																
July	3,869	3,142	847	867	15,890	14,545	509.6	166	165	341	501	56,656	85.0			
August	3,568	3,136	978	878	17,318	15,029	513.8	200	195	494	512	105,658	85.0			
September	3,637	3,073	888	864	17,031	15,253	517.2	213	211	670	521	120,956	85.3	49,850		49,656
October	3,045	2,926	894	857	15,659	14,555	519.7	197	192	786	507	131,152	85.0			
November	3,304	3,011	995	797	18,273	16,446	520.3	219	207	738	504	103,468	83.7			
December	951	2,866	677	861	13,875	16,161	521.0	178	200	693	515	63,134	84.2	50,505		50,463
January	2,832	3,382	498	822	7,394	23,571	523.7	161	181	624	524	50,961	87.3			
February	2,832	2,890	797	730	16,872	16,215	529.0	188	195	475	523	60,808	87.7			
March	3,033	2,821	832	748	16,753	15,575	532.6	192	182	430	539	59,542	85.2	p51,567		p51,385
April	2,994	3,009	665	707	14,448	15,282	536.1	177	177	373	585	47,336	83.8			
May	3,767	3,237	r196	729	r18,026	16,762	p543.1	r199	r186	354	591	47,404	56.2			
June	3,223	2,858	775	786	19,048	16,266	p545.4	196	199	308	539	42,417	84.1	n.y.a.		n.y.a.
1989-90—																
July	3,536	3,012	767	824	16,307	15,360	n.y.a.	200	203	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.

(a) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (c) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (d) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia.

FOREIGN TRADE

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Month	Value of total exports (a)(b) \$m	Value of total imports (a)(b) \$m	Values at average 1984-85 prices \$m		Export price index All groups (Base year 1974.75 = 100.0)	Import price index All groups (Base year 1981.82 = 100.0)	Balance of Payments— current transactions \$m		Official reserve assets (c) \$m
			Exports f.o.b.				Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.					
1987-88—									
May	1,471	3,656			283		-349	-1,321	19,457
June	3,468	3,324	8,451	-8,629	282	159.6	-135	-956	20,182
1988-89—									
July	3,176	3,635			280		-684	-1,460	20,226
August	3,530	3,823			279		-577	-1,377	20,176
September	3,448	3,270	8,553	-9,269	280	152.5	-292	-1,049	20,628
October	3,473	3,782			277		-868	-1,742	20,118
November	3,623	3,313			276		-659	-1,480	19,499
December	3,694	3,268	8,647	-10,183	271	149.9	-134	-1,043	19,772
January	3,512	3,468			270		-625	-1,617	18,790
February	3,540	3,886			280		-340	-1,251	20,888
March	3,427	3,757	8,646	-11,127	284	147.9	-641	-1,733	19,509
April	3,961	4,005			293		-262	-1,184	20,245
May	4,042	4,665			p300		-987	-1,866	20,223
June	3,984	4,201	8,891	-11,452	p301	n.y.a.	-652	-1,624	20,410
1989-90—									
July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	-942	-1,706	20,765

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics. (b) Total exports and imports for periods from 1 July 1987 includes exports and imports of gold coins, whether or not they are legal tender, and other coins which are legal tender. See Appendix A of the January issues of *Exports, Australia, Monthly Summary Tables* (S432.0) and *Imports, Australia, Monthly Summary Tables* (S433.0). (c) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

RETAIL TRADE

Month	Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) (a) \$m													
	Total													
	Current prices													
	Original		Trend estimate		Average 1984-85 prices		Trend estimate		Department stores		New motor cars and station wagons registered (000)		Other new motor vehicles registered (000)	
Month	Original		Trend estimate		Original		Trend estimate		Original		Original		Original	
	Seas. adj.		Seas. adj.		Seas. adj.		Seas. adj.		Trend estimate		Seas. adj.		Seas. adj.	
1987-88—														
June	5,870	6,105	6,081	13,623	14,141	1,609	1,653	710	738	36.8	33.5	9.6	8.1	
1988-89—														
July	5,848	6,069	6,118			1,610	1,666	673	744	32.3	32.8	7.9	7.5	
August	5,878	6,229	6,156			1,654	1,682	640	753	37.1	33.7	9.1	8.6	
September	6,101	6,389	6,198	13,654	14,075	1,700	1,702	711	763	40.5	39.2	9.6	9.7	
October	6,187	6,254	6,248			1,706	1,724	718	770	36.4	38.2	9.6	10.1	
November	6,504	6,331	6,309			1,759	1,747	856	775	42.2	40.8	10.8	11.0	
December	8,787	6,540	6,375	16,251	14,310	2,085	1,768	1,545	774	30.4	39.3	10.0	11.3	
January	6,133	6,451	6,438			1,726	1,786	621	768	37.5	33.8	7.9	10.1	
February	5,680	6,500	6,492			1,674	1,800	543	762	34.9	38.7	10.2	11.2	
March	6,461	6,599	6,545	13,688	14,648	1,895	1,811	707	760	41.5	40.1	11.5	11.4	
April	6,215	6,890	6,597			1,762	1,820	686	762	34.1	36.4	9.9	9.8	
May	6,502	6,358	6,648			1,782	1,827	752	766	40.2	36.3	12.5	10.8	
June	6,543	6,847	6,690	14,145	14,642	1,815	1,832	774	772	42.2	39.3	12.1	10.3	
1989-90—														
July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p40.3	p40.6	p10.3	p9.4

(a) Series based on 1985-86 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (\$)		Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time adult persons (\$)	Index of minimum award rates of pay, full-time adult persons June 1985 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)							
	All males	All females				All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care
													Recreation and education(a)
1987-88—													
April				114.1									
May	481.70	316.40	464.80	114.2	1.38	179.0	170.4	170.1	180.8	176.1	188.2	203.0	179.2
June				114.3									156.9
1988-89—													
July				114.5									
August	486.20	319.60	470.90	114.7	1.33	182.4	175.1	170.8	188.0	179.0	191.1	205.6	180.6
September				117.1									158.1
October				117.4									
November	505.20	328.70	484.90	117.5	1.48	186.2	177.9	176.0	199.7	181.8	191.7	206.0	181.5
December				117.7									161.9
January				118.0									
February	511.60	334.80	492.30	118.1	1.41	188.0	180.5	175.9	197.7	183.1	193.6	210.1	191.1
March				120.2									163.2
April				121.0									
May	521.80	338.30	501.40	121.1	1.46	192.6	186.2	180.8	208.1	185.0	198.2	214.6	192.1
June	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	121.2									165.0

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced, total \$ m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Price indexes(a)		Private new capital expenditure(b) \$ m			
	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.		Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Materials used in house building (Base year 1985-86 = 100.0)	Materials used in building other than house building (Base year 1979-80 = 100.0)	Buildings and structures		Equipment, plant and machinery	
												Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.
1987-88—															
May	2,562.3	2,301.5	15.3	14.2	457.2					118.8	204.8				
June	2,182.2	2,064.0	16.0	15.1	355.0	6,014.2	6,003.6	38.2	38.9	119.7	206.2	2,400	2,377	4,352	4,037
1988-89—															
July	2,272.1	2,346.8	15.0	15.3	160.5					120.5	207.0				
August	2,313.1	1,979.4	17.9	16.2	218.9					121.5	208.1				
September	2,336.4	2,316.8	16.9	16.4	190.7	6,884.5	6,578.8	44.9	42.6	122.4	209.4	2,242	2,272	3,675	3,848
October	2,100.2	2,153.4	15.6	15.3	203.1					123.6	211.3				
November	2,491.3	2,283.9	17.3	15.5	216.4					124.8	212.4				
December	2,248.1	2,428.4	15.9	15.3	230.8	7,311.2	7,259.4	46.5	45.2	125.5	214.3	2,730	2,384	4,767	4,461
January	2,290.4	2,699.4	12.5	15.5	262.4					126.5	215.8				
February	2,070.0	2,496.3	14.5	15.7	259.3					127.3	216.5				
March	2,659.4	2,718.8	15.4	15.9	357.2	7,403.3	7,819.8	40.4	43.1	128.8	218.2	2,263	2,630	4,074	4,534
April	2,432.4	2,472.4	14.8	15.5	321.1					129.9	220.0				
May	3,024.2	2,626.2	17.2	15.5	365.4					130.7	222.0				
June	2,564.4	2,456.2	15.4	14.8	369.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	131.3	222.6	2,940	2,916	4,748	4,391
1989-90—															
July	2,040.9	2,084.8	12.0	12.1	227.0					n.y.a.	n.y.a.				

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent
	Original	Seasonal	Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m	
			Original	Seasonal	Original	Seasonal				
1987-88—										
April	58,799	59,134	47,544	46,695	47,743	46,933	1,324	322	82	10.90
May	60,150	60,124	47,026	47,239	47,526	47,159	1,610	421	101	12.30
June	61,756	61,142	48,938	48,660	48,831	48,945	1,926	405	100	11.70
1988-89—										
July	63,240	62,263	48,943	48,896	48,998	48,657	1,458	339	82	12.05
August	64,581	63,650	48,354	49,062	49,734	50,054	1,682	322	96	12.30
September	65,277	64,754	49,151	49,626	50,720	51,188	1,458	336	88	12.90
October	64,818	64,548	52,096	52,213	52,834	52,506	1,475	300	93	13.05
November	65,711	65,853	53,413	53,499	53,660	53,976	1,906	333	99	13.30
December	67,628	67,134	55,652	55,364	54,365	54,084	1,485	241	102	13.85
January	n.a.	n.a.	55,782	56,154	n.a.	n.a.	1,319	183	84	14.65
February	n.a.	n.a.	57,504	57,924	n.a.	n.a.	1,523	213	97	15.05
March	n.a.	n.a.	59,503	58,575	n.a.	n.a.	1,614	190	107	15.15
April	n.a.	n.a.	60,816	59,718	n.a.	n.a.	1,346	160	96	14.85
May	n.a.	n.a.	60,637	60,633	n.a.	n.a.	1,649	165	143	15.70
June	n.a.	n.a.	60,728	62,506	n.a.	n.a.	1,059	144	128	15.40

(a) Excludes external liabilities. (b) Includes external liabilities. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-whole bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS
(\$ million)

Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
							Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1987-88—														
March qtr	71,979	75,412	2,429	3,205	69,550	72,207	42,024	43,680	12,920	13,634	12,727	14,014	3,910	4,526
June qtr	75,326	77,815	1,821	2,924	73,505	74,891	43,781	44,588	13,819	13,422	15,783	15,343	4,476	3,597
1988-89—														
September qtr	79,889	79,314	2,672	3,348	77,217	75,966	45,633	45,693	13,722	13,800	15,462	15,260	3,759	4,269
December qtr	89,037	82,254	6,085	3,219	82,952	79,035	49,930	47,022	14,462	14,056	17,638	16,798	4,825	4,582
March qtr	81,337	85,795	2,269	3,159	79,068	82,636	46,546	48,678	13,470	14,222	16,045	17,684	3,952	4,563
June qtr	85,333	87,970	1,853	2,978	83,480	84,992	49,202	50,037	15,440	14,995	18,450	17,968	5,589	4,641
AT AVERAGE 1984-85 PRICES														
1987-88—														
March qtr	57,491	60,143	1,475	2,106	56,016	58,037	33,119	34,426	10,778	11,424	9,839	10,838	3,106	3,598
June qtr	58,807	60,638	1,165	1,906	57,642	58,732	33,894	34,494	11,515	11,107	11,977	11,620	3,529	2,830
1988-89—														
September qtr	60,255	60,360	1,394	2,050	58,861	58,310	34,730	34,740	11,184	11,307	11,457	11,335	2,951	3,355
December qtr	66,949	61,471	4,285	2,092	62,664	59,379	37,345	35,205	11,643	11,291	13,093	12,453	3,763	3,571
March qtr	59,407	62,605	1,426	2,112	57,981	60,493	34,403	35,984	10,823	11,475	11,820	13,073	2,976	3,442
June qtr	60,986	62,991	1,226	2,157	59,760	60,834	35,635	36,221	12,187	11,760	13,467	13,040	4,159	3,448

AT CURRENT PRICES—continued

Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Wages, salaries and supplements		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Household income (original)				
							Private corporate		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements		Total household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original
1987-88—															
March qtr	13,331	13,880	13,394	13,463	36,246	37,109	10,716	11,916	16,166	17,761	36,225	36,068	56,559	12,064	44,495
June qtr	13,099	13,370	12,946	12,877	38,083	38,046	11,990	12,400	15,966	18,062	38,068	38,068	59,931	15,914	44,017
1988-89—															
September qtr	14,279	13,702	12,726	13,055	39,096	38,770	13,228	12,882	18,548	18,370	39,082	39,082	60,996	12,252	48,744
December qtr	15,169	14,839	13,508	13,221	41,873	40,429	15,002	15,546	22,996	19,024	41,852	41,852	69,024	11,761	57,263
March qtr	15,003	15,642	13,397	13,478	40,766	42,259	12,696	14,092	17,747	19,560	40,745	40,745	62,702	13,981	48,721
June qtr	16,294	16,652	14,393	14,327	43,344	43,274	13,908	14,364	17,835	20,040	43,336	43,336	67,977	18,482	49,495

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**SURVEY
OF JOB
VACANCIES
(c)**

LABOUR FORCE(a)

Month	Employed ('000 persons)				Unemployed ('000 persons)				(Unemployment rate (per cent))		Participation rate (per cent)		Number of job vacancies ('000)	
	Full-time workers		Total		Looking for full-time work		Total		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				Original		Seas. adj.
1988—														
May	5,877.4	5,892.6	7,354.9	7,347.9	460.0	460.3	593.0	591.0	7.5	7.4	62.3	62.2	58.5	
June	5,883.3	5,915.4	7,378.3	7,380.8	459.6	467.3	590.1	582.6	7.2	7.3	62.2	62.3		
July	5,933.6	5,926.1	7,383.1	7,379.5	431.5	446.3	518.8	541.0	6.6	6.8	61.8	61.9	65.8	
August	5,874.6	5,945.8	7,353.4	7,422.2	445.4	458.6	518.7	563.0	6.8	7.1	61.6	62.3		
September	5,981.0	5,972.0	7,503.2	7,465.8	438.7	448.6	554.6	559.1	6.9	7.0	62.8	62.5		
October	6,016.3	6,006.4	7,477.3	7,465.0	406.0	418.5	507.9	548.4	6.4	6.8	62.1	62.3		
November	5,992.6	6,003.6	7,508.7	7,483.6	391.3	425.3	488.4	537.1	6.1	6.7	62.1	62.3	66.7	
December	6,103.3	6,026.8	7,622.9	7,531.2	442.4	436.4	563.3	556.1	6.9	6.9	63.4	62.7		
1989—														
January	6,015.3	6,025.4	7,458.9	7,573.0	477.2	497.5	592.4	565.6	7.4	6.9	62.0	63.0		
February	6,076.8	6,054.2	7,569.7	7,617.8	471.6	432.1	590.1	551.4	7.3	6.7	63.1	63.1	72.5	
March	6,081.4	6,069.6	7,638.3	7,569.9	416.6	397.5	546.3	501.5	6.7	6.2	63.1	62.2		
April	6,113.5	6,122.8	7,683.2	7,662.9	380.8	386.9	516.1	497.3	6.3	6.1	63.1	62.8		
May	6,122.5	6,134.2	7,729.3	7,721.2	402.8	402.4	518.5	516.3	6.3	6.3	63.4	63.3	73.1	
June	6,125.3	6,160.1	7,720.5	7,723.2	378.2	364.1	477.4	449.3	5.8	6.0	62.9	63.0		
July	6,172.2	6,164.6	7,751.8	7,748.0	380.6	393.8	483.4	506.5	5.9	6.1	63.1	63.2		

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about three-fifths of one per cent of the population of Australia. (b) Estimates from December 1987 onwards are based on 1986 census benchmarks. For further information see *The Labour Force, Australia* (6205.0). (c) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see *Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0).

EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)
(‘000 persons)

Month	Australia													Total Public and Private
	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Private	Public			Total	
										Commonwealth	State(s)	Local		
1988 —														
January	2,042.1	1,610.9	806.8	483.4	504.5	148.0	50.3	121.4	4,097.3	428.5	1,087.3	154.2	1,670.0	5,767.4
February	2,090.0	1,642.5	818.8	491.7	516.8	149.6	49.8	125.1	4,177.8	432.1	1,118.3	156.2	1,706.7	5,884.4
March	2,093.7	1,616.1	828.7	494.7	522.7	150.6	50.7	126.2	4,193.2	412.8	1,141.1	156.2	1,730.0	5,923.2
April	2,090.0	1,640.6	829.0	491.0	518.7	148.7	52.0	125.0	4,168.9	430.6	1,148.7	155.0	1,734.0	5,903.9
May	2,115.6	1,652.4	843.3	492.7	521.8	149.5	51.0	126.4	4,209.9	432.9	1,155.9	155.7	1,744.6	5,954.5
June	2,109.1	1,646.3	842.2	491.2	520.8	148.6	54.1	126.4	4,194.9	431.7	1,152.6	155.5	1,739.8	5,938.7
July	2,063.6	1,662.9	871.7	482.0	506.5	140.0	56.9	125.5	4,202.0	426.6	1,137.6	154.8	1,719.1	5,921.1
August	2,089.7	1,685.0	883.9	487.6	512.8	151.3	58.0	126.0	4,255.8	427.3	1,155.8	155.8	1,738.4	5,984.3
September (c)	2,115.8	1,701.5	904.9	492.4	518.5	152.3	57.9	125.4	4,260.6	480.1	1,155.2	155.0	1,799.3	6,059.9
October	2,108.7	1,696.4	904.1	487.7	515.3	150.9	56.0	126.0	4,304.4	426.7	1,148.5	155.5	1,730.7	6,035.1
November	2,123.2	1,713.4	908.0	491.9	517.4	152.4	55.7	126.8	4,345.7	427.8	1,146.4	156.8	1,733.1	6,078.8
December	2,127.0	1,729.9	896.5	492.3	521.6	154.3	55.7	126.2	4,369.2	424.6	1,141.9	157.8	1,724.3	6,093.5
1989 —														
January	2,085.0	1,688.3	904.0	488.6	507.0	149.7	53.9	118.9	4,341.5	419.5	1,090.4	153.9	1,653.7	5,995.3
February	2,118.8	1,715.3	927.7	497.7	518.5	150.2	54.6	120.7	4,418.0	422.2	1,107.2	156.2	1,685.5	6,103.5
March	2,131.2	1,730.3	934.2	499.8	528.2	151.5	55.1	122.4	4,434.2	424.3	1,137.8	156.4	1,718.5	6,152.7

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 15,000 private sector employers and 2,500 public sector employers selected from the ARS register of businesses. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners, Australia* (6248.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence force. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government. (c) Total, Public and Commonwealth values include temporary Australian Electoral Commission employees.

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